

METHOD OF CLEANING CONTAMINANTS FROM THE SURFACE OF A SUBSTRATE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Contaminants are removed from a surface of a substrate by applying a fluid to the surface; lowering the temperature of the fluid to form a solid layer of the fluid and entrap contaminants therein; and applying energy to the layer and/or substrate to cause the layer containing the contaminants to separate from the surface.

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